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**Declaration**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND METHODS SUPPORTING ON-LINE INTERACTION WITH CONTENT, PURCHASING, AND SEARCHING** the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims and any amendments filed therewith.

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We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

None

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/294,761 filed April 19, 1999, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/826,550, filed April 4, 1997, both entitled COMPUTER APPARATUS AND METHODS SUPPORTING DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF USERS.

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Title: COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND METHODS SUPPORTING ON-LINE INTERACTION  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

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